



Match Report

Opponent: George Mason University

Date: 14 OCT 05

First Match:	Navy 33	GMU 0	A Side
Second Match:	Navy 71	GMU 0	B Side

Navy traveled to Fairfax, Virginia to take on George Mason University in a Potomac Rugby Union match. The field has dried out enough from the wet weather all week to allow the game to be played. George Mason kicked to open the match and Navy was quick to move forward. A great kick from second-class fly half Paul Bailey was pursued by second-class wing Chase Hobby and gave Navy possession inside the George Mason five meter line. Second-class Blake Lindsay would take a slow pick & go ball over the line for the first Navy try, no conversion (Navy 5, GMU 0). Only five minutes latter Hobby was the beneficiary of two great feeds to score wide on the left wing. Third-class flanker Andrew Vagley stole the ball from a George Mason ruck and moved to his left before passing to senior flanker Gene Paul who put Hobby into space, no conversion (Navy 10, GMU 0). During the next 20 minutes the Blue and Gray glad Navy team swapped possession and territory with all green boys from George Mason. Twice the Navy 15 stood firm ten meters from their own try line to turn back the

George Mason attack. Ten minutes from half, Navy took phase play into the George Mason 22 and then drove a scrum to the five meter line. Bailey took the pass from second-class scrum half Graham Cleveland, faked a pass out, and cut between two defenders to score under the up rights; Hobby converted, (Navy 17, GMU 0).

Navy kicked to open the second half and, despite poor movie choice on the bus to the game, again attacked and controlled possession. Seven minutes in senior wing Jimmy Markel received the ball and beat his first man wide 30 meters from try. He then ducked and dove his way through two defenders to score in the far right corner, no conversion (Navy 22, GMU 0). Navy would score again eight minutes later as senior co-captain and 8- man Jake Womble pounded in after Navy stole the ball from a George Mason scrum, no conversion (Navy 27, GMU 0). Action in the game slowed dramatically after this as the scrums became uncontested (a safety issue for the GMU front row) much to bewilderment of the Navy coaching staff. Hobby provided the exclamation point for the match by

hitting a 42 meter penalty kick midway through the second half (Navy 30, GMU 0). By the time Hobby kicked an 18 meter penalty in the 34th minute the game was waiting to be called (Navy 33, GMU 0). Navy was glad to even their Friday night record to 1-1 and remove the bad taste from the game of the previous week.

Navy opened the second match kicking and quickly had the ball back deep in the George Mason 22. Third-class lock Steve Terjesen opened the scoring with a strong dive from plebe scrum half Kevin Dewey off a ruck; Dewey converted (Navy 7, GMU 0). Five minutes later second-class flanker Jack Damon scored off of phased-play rucks to give Navy a 12 nil lead, no conversion. The Navy backs scored their try just four minutes later off of nice work from Dewey and senior fullback Lane Drummond. Dewey took the ball out of the scrum and broke through the midfield defense. He pinned the fullback and offloaded to Drummond who scored between the posts, no conversion (Navy 17, GMU 0). Within six minutes the score was 27 nil as third-class prop Nathan Hayba scored on a driven maul and then second-class wing Adam Niznik flew 40 meters down the left side to score, neither converted. Drummond would break the midfield defense this time and feed third-class center Jeff Laupola who beat the fullback and fed second-class fly half Pat Butler to score between the posts, no conversion (Navy 32, GMU

0). A scrum resulting from the following kickoff led to the next Navy score. Third-class 8-man Kevin Mott fed Dewey who played to senior center Shawn Lang at the last possible moment before he was crushed by a George Mason center. Lang tore through the Green midfield and set up Drummond to again touch it down between the posts; Mott converted (Navy 39, GMU 0). Dewey earned his own try on the stroke of half time by quickly tapping a penalty and diving through the standing George Mason defense to the try zone, no conversion (Navy 44, GMU 0).

The second half saw Navy score three tries in the first six minutes. Third-class scrum half Richard Brooks was nailed after making a pass to Niznik who dodged two defenders to score in the corner, no conversion (Navy 49, GMU 0). The ensuing kickoff was caught by third-class hooker David Allan who broke straight through two George Mason players and sprinted to the five meter line. Second-class prop Forrest Lehr drove forward off of the ruck to make the score 54-nil. Two minutes later third-class flanker Michael Stanley would score off a ruck resulting from Niznik chasing a kick, no conversion (Navy 59, GMU 0). Navy would tack on two more at the end of the half when Mott dove in off a five meter scrum; Cody converted, and Hayba again powered in off of a ruck, no conversion (Navy 71, GMU 0). The last few moments of the game saw George Mason down to the Navy five meter line as the result of a string of

penalties by the boys in Blue and Gray. However, the Navy defense refused to be scored upon and held the line eventually kicking for touch at the final whistle.

Scoring Stats:

A Side

Trys

Bailey
Hobby
Lindsay
Markel
Womble

Penalties

Hobby x2

Conversions made

Hobby

Conversions missed

Hobby x4

Cards

None

B Side

Trys

Butler
Damon
Dewey
Drummond x2
Hayba x2
Lehr
Mott
Niznik x2
Stanley
Terjesen

Penalties

None

Conversions made

Cody
Dewey
Mott

Conversions missed

Alan
Berg x2
Dewey x5
Mott
Stanley

Cards

None

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